(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Departmental Public Call Offices are generally opened in Central Telegraph Offices/Departmental Telegraph Offices. We have liberalised installation of both local and STD pay phones. These are allotted to individuals. They have to make an application to their Area Managers/ Area General Managers in a prescribed application form. After the pay phone is allotted they have to give a security deposit of Rs. 9600 and have to give a gurantee i.e. the minimum revenue per public telephone would be Rs. 1600/- in case of STD PCS, Rs. 300/- in case of a local PCO and Rs. 100/- in case of a local PCO and Rs. 100/ in case of local PCO managed by a handicapped person. Detailed instructions in this regard were issued in the months of September 1991 and December 1991.

[*Translation*]

Generation of Solar Power

4178. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for the generation of solar power in the villages of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the number of villages included in the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Small solar photovoltaic power plants are being installed in unelectrified villages/hamlets as part of the solar photovoltaic demonstration and utilisation programme. Such plants have been installed in 23 villages of Uttar Pradesh; plants in 15 more villages are under installation.

[*English*]

Identification of Tourists Spots

4179. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL:
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURHY:
SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:
SHRI AMAL DATTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are cosindering various schemes for the promotion of tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the new tourists spots identified during the last one year; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to boost the tourism in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d). Promotion of tourism as well as steps for boosting tourism is a continuous exercise. Schemes in this regard include strengthening and augmentation of tourism infrastructure, effective publicity both in the country as well as koy markets overseas.

Fifteen circuits-cum-destinations have been identified for development of tourism in